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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: YOKOYAMA, CHIKAFUMI
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Title: PRECURSOR PASTE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

37 CFR § 1.47 (b) RENEWED SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION
TO FILE ON BEHALF OF AN INVENTOR

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The renewed petition filed July 31, 2007 under 37 CFR 1.47(b) was dismissed for failing to satisfy Item (5) proof that the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant has sufficient proprietary interest in the application.

According to the petition discussion, "Counsel must specify how she has first hand knowledge that the invention was made during Mr. Yokoyama's employment with the Japanese company Sumitomo 3M Limited."

In response to this request, I declare that I have reviewed the Record of Invention bearing Chikafumi Yokoyama's signature that pertains to the invention described in 58821US006 and that such Record of Invention was received by 3M Innovative Properties Company during Chikafumi Yokoyama's employment by Sumitomo 3M Limited. Therefore, I declare that I have firsthand knowledge that the invention described in 58821US006 was made by Chikafumi Yokoyama during his employment by Sumitomo 3M.

In the petition discussion, it is also alleged that the Acknowledgment of Patent Rights executed by Steven E. Skolnick, Chief Intellectual Property Counsel for Sumitomo 3M Limited is not sufficient to show the transfer of the right to file this application form Sumitomo 3M Limited to 3M Innovative Properties Company.

The Applicant submits that the statement of Steven E. Skolnick is sufficient documentary evidence of the chain of title. The statute does not require submission of a subsidiary agreement between Sumitomo 3M Limited and 3M Innovative Properties Company. Although the statement of Steven E. Skolnick is believed to be sufficient documentation, the attached statement under 37 CFR 3.73 further includes a declaration of the chain of title executed by Robert W. Sprague, Secretary of 3M Innovative Properties Company.

The Applicant requests reconsideration of the 37 CFR 1.47(b) petition submitted September 25, 2006 in view of the Renewed Supplemental Petitions submitted April 3, 2007 and July 31, 2007 and this Renewed Supplemental Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

November 27, 2007

Date

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